GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1415
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INHUMAN TREATMENT TO PERSONS OF INDIAN ORIGIN
RAVI PRAKASH VERMA;YOGI ADITYANATH

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether inhuman treatment is being meted out to the persons of Indian origin in Pakistan and other Islamic countries; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) : Sir, no incidence of inhuman treatment being meted out to persons of Indian origin in Islamic countries has come to the notice of the Government. In case of Pakistan, discrimination against minority communities in Pakistan is built into the very structure of the Pakistan State. This has been witnessed in the practice of separate electorates for minority communities, and the use of Pakistan`s `anti-blasphemy laws` to persecute religious minorities in Pakistan. The international community is fully aware and finds unacceptable the influence of religious extremism and obscurantism in Pakistan, and the existence of anti-minority practices and policies of the State.